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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition to correct the filing date of the above-identified application.

Applicant receive an Official Filing Receipt mailed on March 4, 2004 in which a filing date of December 4, 2003 was given. Applicant mailed the application on December 3,

2003 by Express Mail with a duly signed Certificate of Express Mailing.

This application was deposited as Express Mail in an Express Mail pick up box in Birmingham, Michigan prior to the posted 5:00 p.m. pick up time, on December 3, 2003, as stated in the Certificate of Express Mailing filed in this application.

A Postal Scrvice Express Mail label was applied to the package, with the Tracking Number EL720605645US imprinted thereon. The enclosed copy of an Express Mail Customer Copy from that label was later received in the mail. An Express Mail corporate account number was included on the preprinted form.

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The Customer Copy indicates, in a hand written entry, a time of acceptance of 1:37 a.m. on December 4, 2003.

This apparently led U.S. Patent and Trademark Office personnel to give the application a filing date of December 4, 2003.

However, the Official U.S. Postal Service official website indicates a time of acceptance of 10:00 p.m. December 3, 2003, and an en route time of 10:57 p.m. on December 3, 2003.

In addition, the attached copy of the undersigned attorney's U.S. Postal Service Express Mail corporate account mailing statement, indicates an Express Mail postage charge of \$13.65 was incurred on December 3, 2003 for EL720605645US.

Finally, enclosed is a copy of a letter obtained from the U.S. Postal Service which states that the December 3, 2003 was correct according to their records.

It is thus respectfully submitted that the hand entered time on December 4, 2003 was due to some irregularity or delay in handling of the application after acceptance by the U.S. Postal Service on December 3, 2003 and the application filing date of December 3, 2003 should be awarded.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Attached is a Credit Card Payment Form for payment of the Petition fee due.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 14, 2004

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Dear Mr. Benefiel:

This response is to your inquiry regarding Express Mail articles EL720605645US and EL720605637US.

Our records indicate that the Express Mail articles were accepted or picked up in Detroit, Michigan at 10:00 p.m. on December 3, 2003. Enclosed is the acceptance and delivery information from our Product Tracking System (PTS). This information is available on our website, usps.com, in the Track and Confirm section.

If you need additional assistance with this matter, please feel free to call me at (248) 546-1311.

Sincerely

Lisa D. Riebel Consumer Affairs Associate Royal Oak District

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